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1. NO PORT FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT SUGGESTED BOARDING SITES FOR NAVY OFFICERS. BOARDING WOULD MOST LIKELY BE DONE VIA LAUNCH COMING ALONGSIDE ATLANTIS II. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN REPORTS THAT WHILE APPROVAL GRANTED BY ALL GOV ENTITIES FROM WHICH CLEARANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED, OFFICIAL APPROVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF.

2. CLEARANCE FOR EASTWARD BASED ON ORIGINAL REQUESTS HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED YET AND EXTENSION REQUEST WAS MADE AS FOLLOW-UP TO ORIGINAL. SINCE EMBASSY HAS NO EFFECTIVE WAYS OF SPEEDING UP SUCH REQUESTS, AS MANY PREVIOUS CASES HAVE SHOWN, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT TRIP ORGANIZERS REQUEST THEIR VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUES TO HELP MATTERS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS SEEMS TO BE A JOINT VENTURE OF INTEREST TO THEM.
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